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SUBJ: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES OF U.S. FIRMS IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES (IBM) IS FIRST U.S.-OWNED FIRM TO REFUSE OUTRIGHT TO MAKE INFORMATION ON ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AVAILABLE TO US ON GROUNDS THAT TO DO SO WOULD CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF SECTION 2 OF SECOND GENERAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 1974.

2. IBM CLAIMS IT HAS TAKEN THIS POSITION ON BASIS OF ADVICE OBTAINED INFORMALLY FROM SOURCES WITHIN SAG. WHILE SEVERAL OTHER FIRMS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF BREAKING LAW, THUS FAR NO OTHERS HAVE USED LAW AS PRETEXT FOR REFUSAL TO MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

3. IBM STATES, HOWEVER, THAT IT HAS RESPONDED (PERHAPS ILLEGALLY) TO QUESTIONNAIRE OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL & CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND WONDERS IF WE COULD NOT OBTAIN INFORMATION WE REQUIRE DIRECTLY FROM SUBCOMMITTEE.

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